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Applicants recently learned that the Office has no record of the present application. Applicants believe this may be due to Applicants' erroneous reference to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) in the present application transmittal.

**APPLICANTS HEREBY PETITION FOR CONVERSION OF THE PRESENT APPLICATION
INTO A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(B)**

Applicants have enclosed a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the fee for this petition set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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